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OUTSTANDING DUES AGAINST SEBs
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount is payable by the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) to the various Central Public Sector power companies as on date;

(b) if so, the details of outstanding dues of each company as on date, State-wise;

(c) the details of outstanding dues recovered by each company during 2005-06 and 2006- 07 from the various State Electricity Boards;

(d) the reasons for non-payment of outstanding dues by these SEBs; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to recover the outstanding dues from the SEBs?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : The total outstanding dues (which are outstanding beyond 90 days as defined in clause 17 of the Tripartite Agreement) payable by various State electricity Boards/Power Utilities to Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) under the Ministry of Power as on 31.03.2007 is Rs.636.86 crores. The details are given at Annexure-I.

(c) : The outstanding dues recovered by each Central Public Sector Undertakings from various State Electricity Boards during 2005-06 and 2006-07 is Rs.995.47 crore and Rs.173.20 crore respectively. The details are given at Annexure-II.

(d) & (e) : The outstanding dues of over 90 days as given in the Annexure-I has arisen due to temporary liquidity problem of State electricity Boards or because of delay due to reconciliation. The CPSUs are taking necessary steps to resolve the problem bilaterally as and when the problem arises. When the default persists and does not get settled bilaterally, the matter is referred to the Government of India under Clause 17 of the Tripartite Agreement for recovery from central devolution to the concerned State. This recovery mechanism, however, is not used often.